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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed September 4th, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments stating (see Remarks page 10) that, "Dunn, as summarized by the Office Action teaches that the broadcast information includes at least one program retrieval identification code AND other information. Receiving and storing the "other information" is not consistent with the purpose or the above identified feature of claim 1". Have been noted, however Dunn's "receiving and storing" step are consistent with the recited language of "a user server configured to receive and store the broadcast program information...". Furthermore, it is the Wheeler reference that is relied upon for the step of receiving only retrieval identifiers in response to a query to a server, wherein the identifiers can retrieve data that is already stored locally at the user's location. The system as modified in view of Wheeler accordingly comprises the step of receiving only a select number of "program retrieval identification codes" corresponding to a user query instead of transmitting data files that are already present at the user's location, so that transmission time can be reduced.

For these reasons stated above, the rejection is maintained.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to USHA RAMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-7380. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Kelley can be reached on (571) 272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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